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Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

## DUE DATE: September 26, 2003

- Petition For Extension Of Time
  - for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.
  - petition for an extension of time is NOT necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the appropriate petition fee.
- No additional claim fee is required.
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  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respond to the mis-mailed Office Action dated March 26, 2003 such response being filed to preserve pendency in the absence of any reply from the Examiner to the January 25, 2002 Power of Attorney from Assignee and Revocation of Prior Powers, the re-filing thereof on July 21, 2002, or even the renewed request to correct PTO records filed herein on April 9, 2003.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
  - (2) Remarks begin on page 4 this paper.